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Monterey Labor Presses Plans For Benefit Dance on Jan. 24

Funds for the Monterey County branch of the American Heart Association will be raised by Organized Labor in Monterey County through the presentation of a benefit ball at the Monterey Legion Hall, Saturday night, Jan. 24. Committees are actively planning the event now.

The dance is sponsored jointly by the county Building Trades Council, the Central Labor Council in Salinas and the Central Labor Council in Monterey. All expenses for the event are being paid and all proceeds from ticket sales will go to the heart fund, it was reported.

Tickets are on sale now at any union office and the sale is reported as brisk. Tickets are $1.20 each.

Details of plans for the benefit dance program have not been announced, nor has name of the orchestra. General Chairman John Grisin, business manager of Monterey Plumbers Union 62, is due back Monday from an extended trip to Michigan and Pennsylvania to resume active direction of the dance.

Assisting Grisin on the committee are Fred E. Ask, acting chairman during Grisin's absence; William Grubbs and Edward L. Castle, all from the building council; Frank V. Bruno, Horace J. Randazzo and Lew Gould, all of the Monterey labor council.

The idea of staging a benefit ball grew from a suggestion made at a luncheon of business agents during last year's election campaign. At first it was suggested that a "turkey shoot" be held, but the dance idea was substituted because of inclement weather.

Grisin pointed out that Labor has been impressed by community service which the Heart Association provides, especially the rheumatic heart project, adding that "Labor's stake in the field of heart research is large."

Support of Labor in this project was welcomed by E. M. Seifert Jr., president of the Heart Association, who declared: "It is fine to see Labor take its place alongside the other wonderful organizations doing so much for the health and well-being of our citizens."

Butchers Wait Big Meetings In S.F. Soon

Two major conferences, scheduled by the Western Federation of Butchers of California will be held in San Francisco late in January and early in February, both awaited by officers of Butchers Union 506 who will attend.

The Federation has scheduled another Educational Conference at the University of San Francisco, January 29-31, to take up problems of interest to the craft and to continue studies of labor laws and their affect on union organizing and contract negotiations.

Starting Feb. 2, at Hotel Fairmont, the Western Federation of Butchers will have its annual convention. Details of the plans for the convention have not been announced.

Executive Secretary Earl A. Morrhead of Local 506 said the union will have official delegates at the two sessions and that the selection of delegates will be chief business at January meetings. Local 506 also is having election of officers in January.

Court Upholds Lobby Act

A lower court ruling that key provisions of the Lobbyist Registration Act are unconstitutional was wiped off the books by the U. S. Supreme Court.

The Court said the lower court erred in aiming its ruling at former Attorney General Howard McGrath because he already had left office at the time the decision was made.

The registration law was attacked by the National Association of Manufacturers which has refused to register under the act on the grounds that it violates the constitution.

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—Bricklayers, Hod Carriers, Roofers and other unionists donated their work to complete the Police Athletic League gymnasium and clubhouse for boys Boilermakers gave $2900 to pay for concrete work.



EARLY VISIT FROM SANTA—AFL Radio Commentator Frank Edwards, who spent the week before Christmas touring N. Carolina orphanages by helicopter, gets a warm welcome as he lands at Winston-Salem. Some 4200 children got gifts from Santa in this "Operation Christmas" sponsored for third year by men at Pope Air Force Base. (LPA)

CARP. COUNCIL MEETS TUESDAY

Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters will have its initial meeting of 1953 next Tuesday night at Monterey, with Carpenters Local 1323 of that city as host.

Council Pres. Thomas Eide said he will have a full report on welfare plan negotiations at this meeting. He urged all delegates to attend.

The District Council meets each month, alternating between cities of affiliated unions. These unions are Local 1323 of Monterey, 1279 of King City, 925 of Salinas, 829 of Santa Cruz, and 771 of Watsonville. Leo Thiltgen, of Monterey, is council secretary.

Weather Delays Carpenter Work In Salinas Area

Recurring stormy weather of the past few weeks has caused delay in several projects in the Salinas area, with subsequent temporary unemployment for carpenters, members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925.

Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Local 925 said he has been informed that pile driving at the new big job at Spreckles Sugar Co. has been delayed until after Jan. 15 because of soggy ground. Raymond Pile Co. is expected to move its heavy steam equipment to Salinas next week.

Other jobs throughout the area were slowed down by the storm but with return of good weather, work will pick up again, Baldwin said.

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Joint Apprenticeship Committee of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas will meet this Wednesday night at the union hall. All members were urged to attend to lay plans for activity during 1953.

Eide Returns From Oregon Vacation Trip

Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, returned last week from a holiday vacation trip to Oregon, where he visited relatives and friends. He will participate in carpenter welfare plan negotiations this Thursday and Friday in San Francisco.

Eide reported that he was forced to buck heavy snows on the trip, sometimes having to put on wheel chains in the driving snow and sleet. All of the Eides, including the wife and son, Tommy, enjoyed snow sports. Mrs. Eide was also cheered by reports her ill mother is recovering well.

Salinas Barbers Install Jan. 20

Officers of Barbers Union 827 of Salinas will be obligated for the 1953 terms at the union's meeting in Salinas Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Secretary Jimmie Butler announced last week.

All incumbents were returned to office in the union's elections in December. At the meeting the barbers will hold their first business session of the new year, the secretary added.

Palo Alto.—Daniel E. Conway, 41, has been named director of organization of the AFL International Bakery and Confectionery Workers, succeeding Curtis Sims. He is now vice president of the union's 9th district, California, Nevada, Arizona.

$40 PER WEEK JOBLESS PAY AFL FED. GOAL

(State Fed. Release)

State AFL legislative headquarters opened January 5 in Sacramento's Senator Hotel, it was announced by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor. The 1953 general session of the state legislature started the same day in the capital city.

Increased benefits and extended coverage in unemployment and disability insurance and workmen's compensation form the basis of the State Federation's program in Sacramento.

The state AFL organization asks for coverage of pregnancy in the disability program, and urges $40 maximum weekly payments in disability and unemployment insurance and workmen's compensation benefits.

Gov. Earl Warren gave major support to another AFL proposal just before the legislative session opened when he listed enactment of aid for the totally and permanently disabled needy as a "must" goal for 1953. The Governor said a similar program had been rejected by the Legislature last year "because of the fantastic estimates advanced by the opponents."

Warren said such programs are now operating in 34 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia. He estimated that the program would cost $11,884,000 for the first fiscal year, with $5,464,000 being federal money, $5,504,000 state money, and $910,000 coming from the counties.

The Governor revealed that the counties' share would be more than offset by a reduction of $2,400,000 which counties are now paying to disability cases getting general relief.

CLC Asks Teaching Of Labor History In Portland Schools

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—The Portland Central Labor Council has ordered its executive board and educational committee to seek a meeting with the school board to recommend courses in labor history from the sixth grade through high school.

James Farmer, of the League for Industrial Democracy, told the Council that "students are more anti-labor at present than at any time in my memory. We have neglected to keep college students informed. We must now combat the propaganda that labor is something bad."

Housing Authority Snubs Low Bids From Union Firms

Alexandria, Va. (LPA)—The Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority voted secretly Nov. 17 to throw out all bids by union-shop contractors on a huge slum-clearance and low-cost housing projects to be built partly with federal funds, it was discovered Dec. 20, more than a month later.

Behind closed doors, it rejected the low bid of $1,191,671, made by Victor R. Beauchamp, Inc., a union-shop firm, and sought to negotiate with Eugene Simpson & Bro. of Alexandria, an open-shop outfit whose bid was $62,500 higher.

The authority's excuse was that union-shop firms do not comply with its ideas on "free, unrestricted competitive bidding" and that such firms are disqualified for "violating" the Taft-Hartley act.

The authority sought the official approval of the Federal Housing Administration, which is to supply some of the cash for the project, and was balked, it was learned. Then it appealed to the attorney general of the Commonwealth of Virginia for support, arguing that Virginia's "Right to Work" law would be violated unless the work were limited to open-shop contractors.

The bids were opened Nov. 6, but a few minutes earlier there was a protest from Southern Iron Works of Alexandria against the acceptance of any bids from contractors with union-shop contracts, which includes almost all those in nearby Washington. Southern, an open-shop steel fabricator, said it wasn't permitted to bid because of an agreement between Washington contractors and the Washington AFL Building Trades Council, by which members of Local 5 Ironworkers were not compelled to handle Southern's iron, because Southern had broken an agreement in August with Local 5.

Radford, Va. (LPA)—The 6700 workers in the Hercules Powder Co. plant here, members of Local 495, Chemical Workers, are sharing in a year-end bonus totalling $800,000.

JOBLESS INSURANCE RESERVE HITS AN ALL-TIME HIGH

Washington (LPA).—State unemployment insurance reserves will hit $8.4 billion Dec. 31, the Department of Labor announced. This is an increase of $500 million in a year, and an all-time high.

High employment brought an increase in the reserve between June 30, 1950, and Nov. 30, 1952, of $1.6 billion. Since 1945 the increase has been $1.3 billion, and the number of workers covered has increased 8.5 million, to a present total of 35.9 million.

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Labor in the Salinas Valley lost a friend in the passing of Sidney Church, attorney and legal advisor for the Grower-Shipper Association and the Monterey County Employers Association. For several years during which time he built a strong foundation on which labor and management could work together, he was of the firm belief that an employee who was well paid for his labor and worked under decent conditions was an asset to the employer and the community as a whole.

In all of our negotiations we found him always willing to meet on a fair basis and once his word was given it was a bond. Sidney Church can well be given the greater amount of credit for the growth of this community since through his efforts we have been able to build on a foundation of security through honest labor management relations.

We shall miss him, but hope that those who follow with the responsibility of handling major labor relations in this area, will have the same philosophy as Sidney Church.

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BE SURE TO VOTE

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in both the Salinas and Monterey Offices on Thursday, Jan. 8th for the election of a 3-year trustee; the nominees are John L. Sullivan, produce driver, and Earl "Bud" Montgomery, warehousemen.

The election judges at these polls will be unemployed members of this union.

January 8th is also the regular general membership meeting which will be held at the Moose Hall, 121-A Monterey St., Salinas. At this time the ballots will be tallied. A film pertaining to labor will be shown at this meeting.

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We wish to report the Tire Shop agreements have been settled. We also have opened the Blue Bird, Granny Goose and A. K. Thanos and the Beverage industry agreements.

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We are not certain to this date whether the wage and price controls will be out the window at this session of Congress.

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Special meetings to this date: The men employed in the seed houses will meet at the union office, on January 6th at 7 p.m.

The people employed on the night shift at Spiegl Farms will meet at the union office on Jan. 8th at 1 p.m. All other members employed under the cannery agreement will meet at 7 p.m. at the Moose Hall. It is important that every one be at the meeting promptly at 7 p.m. as the regular meeting will follow at 8 p.m.

The Beverage drivers for the Monterey and Salinas area will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the union office.



MARTY AND IKE—President-elect Eisenhower shakes hands with Martin P. Durkin, whom he appointed as Secretary of Labor in his cabinet, after a lengthy conference at Ike's headquarters in New York. Durkin told newsmen he believed there should be organic unity between the AFL and CIO.

PRICES AGAIN AT TOP PEAK

(State Fed. Release)

The average American's cost of living last month equalled the all-time high hit in August, 1952, it was announced late last week by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The Bureau reports that consumer prices for moderate income families rose two-tenths of one point (0.1 per cent) between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15 to bring the U. S. Consumer Price Index (adjusted series) back to 191.1, the all-time high reached three months earlier.

The rise was due chiefly to an increase of 0.6 per cent in residential rents. Fruits and vegetables, which were decontrolled when the Defense Production Act was extended to July 1, 1952, were up 4.1 per cent; meat, poultry and fish were down 2.2 per cent; clothing prices down 0.4 per cent.

Rents were 1.1 per cent above August, with the largest increase (6.2 per cent), reported in New Orleans, which decontrolled Sept. 30, 1952, under the weakening amendment to rent controls passed by Congress during the last session.

The present reading of 191.1 is 12.27 per cent above the 170.2 level of June 1950, when the Korean war started. Much of this increase came in the hectic six months prior to January 1951, when price and wage controls were put in operation. Since January 1951 the index has risen 5.3 per cent.

The old series index for the U. S. has risen 12.57 per cent since the outbreak of the Korean war and 5.5 per cent since the institution of controls in January 1951.

Wholesale prices, in contrast to retail prices, rose sharply after the outbreak of the war and reached their staggering peak in March 1951. Since then they have been falling slowly. Nevertheless, some 50 per cent of all items on the Wholesale Price Index are within 2 per cent of their two-year peak.

Commenting on this, Price Stabilization Director Joseph H. Freehill at year's end declared that "with prices at these levels, with accumulated savings and expenditures at record highs, with the tense international situation, we cannot afford to be complacent about inflation or to weaken our price control efforts."

Big Secret Is Out: Ford's '51 Profit Was $87 Million

New York (LPA). — The strictly it's-all-in-the-family Ford Motor Co., which has always kept mum about its earnings, netted $87 million in 1951 and is the fourth largest industrial enterprise in the nation and the second biggest auto maker, the Wall Street Journal revealed in a copyrighted article Dec. 11.

Ford's total sales for 1951 were $2,952 million and the profit per sales doller 11.2 cents, compared with 19.9 cents for General Motors and 5.9 cents for Chrysler. In 1950, Ford's net profit was $279 million.

Previously, it had been believed that Chrysler was bigger than Ford, with 1951 sales of $2,547 million and an after-tax profit of $72 million. But the Journal story moved Ford up a notch. GM is the nation's biggest corporation, sales of $7,465 million and net profit of $506 million—on the basis of sales.

The first internal combustion engine exploded gunpowder fuel in its cylinder.

FTC Orders Halt To False Claims About Hair Products

Indianapolis (LPA)—The Federal Trade Commission has ordered Mme. C. J. Walker Manufacturing Co. to stop advertising falsely that its various hair and scalp preparations are an effective treatment for dandruff or tetter, will stop falling hair, or make the hair soft and silky.

Products made by the company include Wonderful Hair and Scalp Preparation, Wonderful Scalp Ointment, also known as Double-Strength Scalp Ointment and Tetter Salve and Wonderful Temple Salve.

Chicago (LPA).—New headquarters have been opened by Sheet Metal Workers Local 73 after it paid $500 to renovate the former Mid-City Odd Fellows Temple.

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New Housing Drops 15% in November

Washington.—Eighty-six thousand new dwelling units were started during November, bringing total housing starts for the first 11 months of 1952 to 1,052,500, according to preliminary estimates by the U. S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The November estimate represents a drop of 15 per cent from October, but is 15 per cent above the November 1951 figure. Though the downturn during November 1952 was widespread throughout the nation, it was "no more than might be expected for that time of year," BLS declared, and was influenced partly by sharply decreased volume in the large cities which had reported unusually high activity during October.

Private housing accounted for the entire decline during November, dropping 17 per cent from 100,000 units in October to 82,800. However, it was 15 per cent above the November 1951 level and for the first 11 months of 1952 totalled 1,000,100 new units.

Public housing starts more than tripled from October to November, rising to 3,200 units, but when the volume for the first 11 months is considered, public housing during 1952 was 25 per cent under the 1951 level.

Because of the somewhat higher level of private starts this year, total housebuilding volume for the first 11 months of 1952 was 22,000 units above the 1,030,500-unit total begun during the corresponding 1951 period.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, preliminary estimates indicate total housing starts (private and public) were at an annual rate of 1,160,000 during November, a bit above the 1,156,000-unit rate in October. For September, the preliminary rate was 1,091,000, and for August the final revised rate was 1,037,000.

See Shortages in Some Occupations

Washington.—Progressive tightening of labor supply in recent months has resulted in a continuing increase in out-of-area and out-of-state recruitment of scarce workers who cannot be obtained in the communities where needed by employers, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security has disclosed.

The Bureau said reports from state employment security agencies showed that the volume of local occupational shortages had increased from 48,912 in August to 57,788 in November. The reports included all job openings which individual local offices indicated they could not fill from the local available labor supply.

Hard-to-fill job openings in professional and managerial, semi-skilled, and unskilled occupations showed increases over October. In the professional field, greatest demand was for engineers, draftsmen and nurses. Orders for semi-skilled workers rose mainly as a result of 1,200 job openings for semi-skilled tobacco workers. Demand for most other workers in this category declined.

Major element responsible for tipping the balance toward an increase in November clearances, the Bureau said, was the substantial growth in hard-to-fill vacancies for unskilled labor. Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 12 the number rose by 2,376, or 37 per cent, to reach a post-Korean high of 8,793. Almost 3,000 of these were needed by automobile plants. Another 1,100 unskilled workers were requested by tobacco processors.

Trends in the skilled occupations were mixed. Greatest increases were for machinists, workers in machine shop operations, electricians, pattern and model makers, and miscellaneous mechanics and repairmen. However, declines in other occupations, notably tool and die makers, sheet metal workers, welders, and some aircraft jobs, more than cancelled out these increases.

An appreciable drop in demand for stenographers and typists also was reported by the state agencies.

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Can a tuberculosis person ever have cancer?

He can. The presence of tuberculosis or any other disease gives no assurance that cancer may not also develop.

Why don't the white corpuscles in the blood kill cancer cells?

The chief function of white blood corpuscles is to protect the body against bacteria or germs. They kill germs and combat infection. They have no effect on cancer cells.

How can we control cancer?

First, by a prompt visit to a physician when suspicious signs or symptoms appear. Intelligent alertness by the individual may well save his life.

Second, by having complete, annual physical examinations. Women over 35 should be examined twice a year.

Third, by the physician's "high index of suspicion" of cancer in all patients.

Fourth, by diagnosis at the earliest possible moment, followed by adequate treatment.

Fifth, by a widespread knowledge, both lay and professional, of the character of cancer, its causes, methods of spreading, the value of early diagnosis and adequate treatment, and means of protection.

Support of such organizations as the American Cancer Society is essential.

Christmas Fete Staged for 31,000

Chicago.—When the AFL Electrical Workers' Local 1031 sponsors a Christmas party, it is always the biggest in town. This year, it grew so big, the union had to run it in installments every night for a week.

Local 1031 has 31,000 members. Last year, they filled the Chicago Stadium on the night of the year's biggest blizzard, contributing 15,000 pieces of clothing for Korean kids, to see a glittering floor show.

"This year, the members wanted to have fun in their own hall, instead of the stadium," explained Frank Darling, president of the union. "Our place only holds 3500, so we are having six identical shows, Monday through Saturday."

The party began Monday, Dec. 15. In the morning, there was a movie for the children at one of the city's biggest theaters. In the evening was a two-hour variety show in the union's hall.

Star of the variety show was Beatrice Kaye, the "Gay Nineties" girl, who has made such a name for herself that hardly anybody knows she is a niece of Samuel Gompers. Also on the program was the famous songwriter, Joe Howard, and a long list of headline comedians, dancers, singers and theater celebrities.

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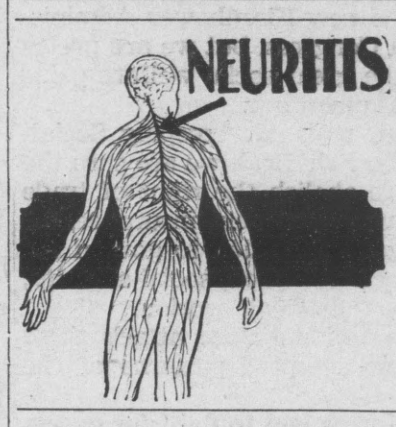
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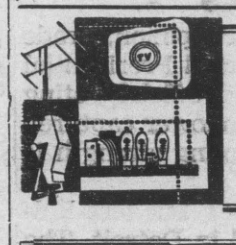
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Important Year Ahead

A big year looms ahead.

Members of the American Federation of Labor, as always, will do their part as responsible patriotic citizens in helping make 1953 a year of progress, prosperity, and—we hope—peace.

The AFL will cooperate with the new administration in efforts to strengthen our economy, to build up our defenses and those of our allies against Communist aggression, and to achieve fair labor-management legislation.

Labor will continue to stand firm for principles in the interest of all Americans and of free men the world over.

The new year can be a year bright with fulfillment. We will do our part to help make it so.

Happy New Year!

Social Gains Will Stay

We don't know what laws the new Eisenhower Administration will try to push through Congress, but we are pretty sure it will not seek to wreck the great social welfare gains achieved during the Roosevelt-Truman era.

Despite the political campaign cries of "creeping Socialism" which were used against the Fair Deal, we are sure the new administration will not dare abolish the right of trade unions to bargain collectively, unemployment insurance, insurance of bank deposits, safeguards erected to govern the sale of stocks and bonds, rural electrification, social security, reclamation of the land, and control of soil erosion.

Even the worst reactionaries will not dare attack these programs because they are now accepted patterns of the American way of life.

Labor and other progressive forces had to fight for every-one of them on a bitter battleground. But they won. And they can win great victories on other fields of conflict if they use the same determination and intelligence that they used during the past 20 years.

Payoff at the Polls

Further proof that, contrary to popular opinion, trade unionists voted generally for the AFL-endorsed Presidential candidate, Adlai Stevenson, is seen in final official voting returns. They show that although Gen. Eisenhower captured the big states, he lost in cities where the voting strength is predominantly labor in character.

For instance, Eisenhower carried Maryland, but lost Baltimore. He took Michigan, but was defeated in Detroit. The general won in Pennsylvania, but was trounced in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. He was the victor in Connecticut, but the loser in Hartford.

Although Ike won in the state of New York, he lost New York City. It's true that the Democratic vote in the city was about 25 per cent below its usual majority, but an analysis of the returns in the wards shows that was not due to a lowering of the labor vote.

In short, political education and action by trade unions pays off.

What Do Newspapers Fear?

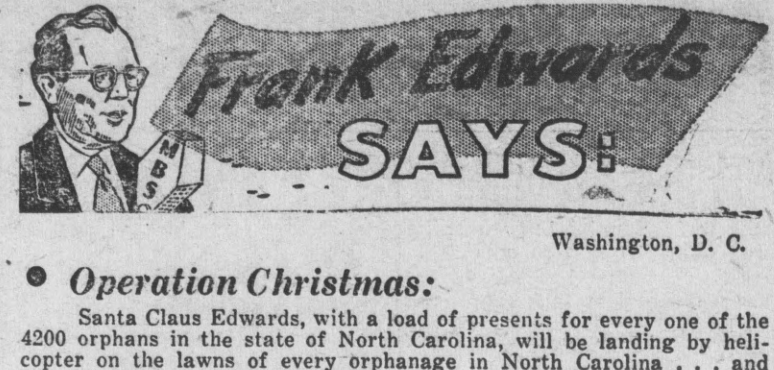
The newspaper publishers don't want anybody to find out how biased the nation's press is. That is the plain inference to be drawn from the refusal of the American Newspaper Publishers Association to cooperate with the Sigma Delta Chi and the University of Chicago in a survey of press coverage of public events.

Repeated proposals for such a study have stemmed from the 1952 political campaign during which 88 per cent of the press supported Gen. Eisenhower, and a good part of it slanted its new columns to promote his election.

But the ANPA says it is not prepared to join any group in sponsoring such a study.

It's all right for the newspapers to investigate everything from football to the H-bomb, but it's un-American, or something, for anybody to investigate the newspapers.

"I realize that we may expect the wholehearted and voluntary cooperation of labor only when it has been assured a reasonable and stable income in terms of the things money will buy, and equal restraint or sacrifice on the part of all others who participate in the defense program."—FDR, 1941.



Washington, D. C.

● *Operation Christmas:*

Santa Claus Edwards, with a load of presents for every one of the 4200 orphans in the state of North Carolina, will be landing by helicopter on the lawns of every orphanage in North Carolina . . . and will personally hand out the gifts.

Operation Christmas, the world's largest Christmas party, is sponsored by the men, officers and civilians of Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina. These good people are working overtime to brighten the hearts of the kiddies. They are planning to make this a $100,000 party. Every child will receive personal, individually addressed presents from Santa.

● *Sporting Note:*

Sen. Harry Byrd of Virginia, Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio, Gov. James Byrnes of South Carolina and Bernard Baruch of New York went quail hunting recently. Their meeting, as usual, was strictly for the birds.

● *Tooth Will Out!*

Will chlorophyll tooth paste prevent tooth decay? Will ammoniated tooth paste save your teeth? Leading dental researchers meeting recently at the Greater New York dental meeting reported that the answer to both those questions is NO. Said one specialist from Western Reserve University: "I wonder how long the public will place its confidence in products whose effectiveness is not in keeping with the values suggested in cleverly prepared advertising?"

● *Get the Hook!*

Remember the old fairy tale about the law of supply and demand? It supposedly operated to bring down prices when supply exceeded the demand.

Lakeland, Fla.—Oranges are in demand during the holiday season. The supply is ample. So in order to keep the price high, Florida Citrus Mutual advised all orange shippers to reduce December shipments 25% below what they shipped in mid-November. Shippers who do not go along with this scheme will find their names furnished to officers and other members of the association.

The Florida Citrus Mutual apparently feels that the law of "supply and demand" means the law of "grab it and run"!

JOKES, Etc.

"My brother has 12 medals. He won 'em in the war."

"Gee, he musta been some sharpshooter!"

"Nope. He was a great crapshooter."

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Sympathy is what one woman offers another in exchange for the details.

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It's easy to control your temper when the other fellow outweighs you.

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The man who claims he never in his life made a mistake generally has a wife who did.

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Aunt Nellie: "Well, Bobby, did you see Santa Claus at Christmas time?"

Bobby: "No, auntie. It was too dark to see him, but I heard what he said when he knocked his toe against the bedpost."

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More folks get run down by gossip than by automobiles.



GREETINGS—A happy 1953 for everyone from Actress Virginia Gibson. (LPA)

Golfer (far off in the rough): "Say, caddy, why do you keep looking at your watch?"

Caddy: "It isn't a watch, sir. It's a compass."

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"My wife has been nursing a grouch all week."

"Been laid up, have you?"

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The path of least resistance is usually downhill.

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Free speech seems to be practiced most by guests who use your telephone.

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The doctor left the sickroom and joined the pacing husband. "I don't like the way your wife looks, Mr. Cassidy," he observed.

"Well, doc," replied the husband, "I'm not crazy about her looks either, but she sure takes good care of me and the kids."

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"It looks like rain."

"Not here in California."

"Look at those clouds up there."

"They don't mean a thing. They are just empties coming down from Oregon."

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Salesman: "This model has a top speed of 130 miles an hour, and she'll stop on a dime."

Prospect: "What happens after that?"

Salesman: "A little putty knife comes out and scrapes you off the windshield."

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One of the best ways to make your old car run better is to have a salesman quote you a price on a 1953 model.

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"Do you Scotchmen mind the stories that are told about you?" an American asked his friend.

"Of course we do!" answered the Scot.

"Why?" inquired the American.

"Because they are all told at our expense," replied the Scot.

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Overheard in the typists' room of a big bank:

"The new cashier is a regular bookworm."

"Why bring books into it?"

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A mother was telling her six-year-old son about the Golden Rule. "Always remember," she said, "that we are here to help others."

The youngster mulled this over for a minute or two and then inquired: "Well, what are the others here for?"



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

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Federal old-age and survivors insurance provides insurance protection to most people who work for a living, either as employees or as self-employed persons. During your working years, you will make social security tax contributions to provide an income for yourself and your family in case your earnings are cut off by old age, and for your family, in case of your death.

The amount of these retirement or death benefits is based on the record of your earnings in work covered by the social security law as shown by your social security account. It is, therefore, extremely important to make sure that your account is correct. By so doing, you will be making sure that you and your family receive all that is properly due when retirement or death occurs.

The social security people have found that errors in your account may occur when an employer does not have your social security number or does not have your name exactly as it appears on your card.

Making sure that your account is correct is as simple as a, b, c!

(a) Take care of your social security card. "Use It—Don't Lose It!" Show your card to every employer for whom you work so that he can report your wages completely and correctly.

(b) If you lose your card, ask the social security office for a duplicate—not another number. If you change your name by marriage or for professional reasons, ask the social security office to change its records. You will receive a new card with your new name and your old number.

(c) Obtain a statement of the wages credited to your account once a year, by using the post card form 7004 which you can get at any social security office. This is especially important for those people who came under social security for the first time on January 1, 1951, such as household workers and farm hands who are regularly employed, and certain employees of the Government and of nonprofit organizations. This is their real opportunity to see that their account is correct.

So — for your protection — for your family's protection — mind your a, b, c's.

Get in touch with the Social Security Administration at 1509 Clay Street, Oakland, for further information on these or any other points involving your social security.

Soft Coal Firms Get Extra Boost In Price Increase

Washington (LPA). — The soft-coal industry got from the Office of Price Stabilization Dec. 10 a ceiling price-increase of 6 to 7 cents a ton to cover the 40 cents a day that President Truman gave the miners above the $1.50 allowed by the Wage Stabilization Board.

The price hike was in addition to the 33 to 35 cents granted earlier to cover the $1.50 in wages.

The OPS action brought on no condemnation nor viewing with alarm in the press like that which attended the President's wage action, and there were no threats of reprisal to match the strike of industry members from the WSB or the advice of the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce to sabotage the wage board.

Best friend we could have—a strong union!

SOMEBODY ELSE TO GET HURT, IS KEY OF RECESSION TALK

By LANE KIRKLAND

Today's "boom" sould be the foundation for tomorrow's "normalcy." That is the gist of a study just made public by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report, in one of its last official acts before the Republican new order takes over the reins of government.

Entitled "The Sustaining Economic Forces Ahead," the facts in this report offer a strong antidote to the fears of those who would hedge their bets on America's economic future.

It comes in good season. The journals that reflect the thought-waves emanating from the board-rooms and counting-houses of the nation, where the "best brains" hold sway, have begun to hint of an impending "shakedown" in the economy—a "corrective readjustment" in which "somebody [somebody else, that is] might have to get hurt." The expected decline in defense spending after the military build-up program gets "over the hump"—if not before—is commonly cited as the controlling factor.

CONVINCING DATA

Against these apostles of retrenchment, the committee's study brings to bear a convincing array of data, refuting the view that a slump must necessarily follow the build-up. In the first place, as the report shows, the approaching transition problem is not nearly as severe as that which the nation faced and successfully weathered, without hitting the sconomic skids, at the end of World War II. A look at just three of the major factors which differentiate the two situations makes the present outlook seem rosy by comparison.

1. Any future drop in defense spending will be much less extreme and much more gradual than that which followed World War II. As a percentage of total national product, it dropped from a high of 41 per cent in 1944 to less than 9 per cent only two years later, in 1946. Today, the level is only about 15 per cent, and should not fall much below 10 per cent after the peak is passed.

2. Federal fiscal policies during the current defense expansion program have avoided the heavy accumulation of deficits which occurred during World War II. Taking the last six fiscal years, 1947-52, as a whole, the federal budget has shown a net surplus of about $4 billion, as compared to a deficit of $55 billion in one year of World War II alone.

NO REASON FOR FEAR

3. The economy will not face a problem of reabsorbing men into civilian jobs like that which followed World War II, when eight million men were turned loose to look for work in the first year of demobilization.

The committee's study, logically enough, sees no reason to fear for the nation's ability to solve tomorrow a problem of similar nature but much smaller in magnitude, to that which it yesterday overcame. The economy can stay "up," says the report, and should continue to advance to ever-higher levels of activity. A slump is not necessarily in the cards and will not come if the nation's new leaders play those cards fairly and wisely in the years immediately ahead.

Pal Club Finds Real Pals Among Oregon Unions

Portland, Ore.—Pardon the pun, but it's a fact that Portland unions are pals of the PAL Club here.

The PAL Club is an athletic and character-building organization for boys. Portland unions have been longtime supporters of the club.

On two recent Saturdays 18 members of Bricklayers Local 1 and five members of Hodcarriers 296 donated full days of work on the club's new recreation center at S. E. 82nd and Harold.

Many members of Roofers 19, Painters 10 and other unions have donated their time and skill to the new boys' club building. Boilermakers 72 gave $2,900 to pay for concrete work on the structure.

"The new building could never have been built without the generous help of Portland's labor unions," declared Sheriff Terry Schrunk, PAL director and former delegate to the Central Labor Council.

The new 89x100-foot building is designed to house a large gymnasium, showers and dressing room, tumbling room, a library, and a play room.

Minneapolis (LPA).—The AFL Hosiery Workers signed an agreement with Strutwear Knitting Inc. putting the union's label on hosiery, lingerie and other apparel. Firm is "only manufacturer in America to have the union label on slips, nightgowns, pajamas, panties and blouses," said Branch 38's president.

UNION WAGES BETTER THAN NON-UNION

(AFL Release)

New York City.—A survey of Federal government establishments and 179 private firms showed that union workers receive an average of $1.32 more an hour than non-union employees.

The committee studying wages and gathering data for the government's cost-of-living index includes representatives of 20 trade unions.

The survey, which is not yet complete, showed that union machinists, electricians, sheet metal workers, coppersmiths, and plumbers earned $3.30 an hour and up, contrasted with $1.50 to $2.25 for non-union workers. The same pattern held true for painters, carpenters, and truck drivers.

In addition, many trade unionists work a 7-hour, 35-hour week with double, or time-and-a-half pay for overtime provisions. All enjoy such fringe benefits as sick leave, vacations and paid holidays.

A majority of non-union employees work a 48-hour week with little or no overtime pay and no fringe benefits.



"It says, 'Better come down before we cancel your insurance.'"

Report Optimistic On Markets After Defense Expansion

Washington (LPA)—What will happen to the U.S. economy after the present defense program has reached its peak? The answer is given in a report by the Department of Commerce on "Markets After the Defense Expansion."

The outlook is excellent. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer said the report shows "that even with the decline in defense expenditures indicated for 1955, our economy should be able to take care of itself with planning and initiative from business."

He said that two surveys showed capital investment plans for the next three years higher than anticipated, with a 1953 program of $26.3 billion (the 1952 figure was $26.9 billion). A second survey of 84 firms covering a third of business investments showed budgeting at 85 per cent of the 1952 volume for 1954, and 80 per cent for 1955.

Sawyer said that on the basis of several major assumptions—available labor force and productivity, the level of defense expenditures, the continuation of present tax rates and no more than minor business fluctuations—the gross national product in 1955 should be $365 billion in 1951 prices, an increase of 8 per cent over 1952, and a disposable personal income of $240 billion, 7 per cent over 1951.

Sawyer said defense spending seems likely to rise to a rate of $55 billion to $60 billion in 1953 and 1954, and with present goals maintained, should drop in 1955 to between $50 billion and $55 billion.

The report said "productive resources appear adequate to forestall sizable general price rises unless an inventory boom should develop or international relations deteriorate. However, moderate price advances in areas which have previously lagged, such as rents, are to be expected."

Declaring the 1954 prospect is "more uncertain," the report said "a downtrend in 1954 is a real possibility."

The report said production has grown an average of 3 per cent a year in the past 50 years, with a productivity increase of 2 per cent a year, and that "a continued high rate of capital formation" could bring a higher productivity rate.

The report said gross fixed assets of business firms had grown 35-40 per cent since the end of World War II; saw continued high residential building in 1953, a huge backlog of institutional building to be done.

The Commerce Department reported that personal income in October 1952 was at an annual rate of $276 billion, 4 per cent over a year ago, and the November figure was even higher.

The Federal Reserve Board reported that both debt and savings rose sharply during 1952.

St. Louis (LPA).—A committee of 25 leaders of all AFL segments here and five international union officials from this area has been appointed by Central Trades and Labor Union President Louis J. Renschen to prepare for the 1953 AFL convention, opening in this city Sept. 21.

Protect your eyes! The compensation award for loss of eyesight is pitifully small.

Sportsmen's News

Must Regulate Sardine Haul!

With no sardines to catch or process for the first time in the fishery's history, California fishing industry representatives are proposing that full regulation over sardines be given by the Legislature to the State Fish and Game Commission and the Marine Research Committee.

The proposal for future legislation came out of a day-long meeting of the Sardine and Mackerel Industry Advisory Committee, called by State Fish and Game Director Seth Gordon. Representatives of fishermen, cannery workers, boat owners, processors and sportsmen reached what Gordon called "a new high in cooperation on this important issue."

The meeting's unanimous agreement on the need for immediate fishery management signalled the close of a year's debate over the issue of restrictive regulation, based upon specialists' warnings that the sardine fishery was on the ropes and faced a knock-out in the near future.

The concern over dwindling supplies of Pacific mackerel and possible scarcity of anchovy and jack mackerel was indicated by the committee's inclusion of these fisheries also in the management proposal. It called for investment of full regulatory powers over the four species in the Fish and Game Commission, acting upon maximum-minimum season and bag limit recommendations of the Marine Research Committee.

Commission control will be asked for a two-year period, starting with the 1953 season. All commercial fishing laws are now set by the Legislature.

The Marine Research Committee directs the study of sardine life history and oceanic conditions affecting the supply. The investigations are made by scientists from the California Academy of Sciences, Department of Fish and Game, Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

The total statewide sardine catch through mid-November this season approximated 2000 tons as compared to nearly 100,000 tons at the same time last year.

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The Academy of Sciences is studying sardine behavior, while the Hopkins Marine Station is looking into oceanography of the Monterey area. The Scripps Institution's share of the program is the study of oceanography of the Pacific Coast and investigations of the food habits of sardines.

The Department of Fish and Game and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service are studying eggs and larvae of the sardine, the numbers of young fish in the coastal waters, and statistics of the commercial catch.

The report compares the sardine situation today with its status in more prosperous periods. It shows the restriction of recent sardine catches to the Southern California area, where in 1950-51 the largest local tonnage in history was brought in. The season was followed by the very poor one of 1951-52, and the current apparently disastrous season.

Most of the sardine spawning today, the report discloses, is occurring off Baja California, particularly off Cedros Island, about halfway down the coast.

Sport fishermen blame the greed of commercial fishermen for killing off the basic sardine life.

Copies of the full report are available without charge from the Marine Research Committee, Terminal Island Station, San Pedro, California.

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"To keep the total conservation effort in balance, every honest sportsman must make the observation of laws and regulations a personal matter."—Albert S. Day, chief, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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"Angling today is a tonic for frayed nerves. The fellow who can forget his troubles every now and then by going fishing can expect to have a better perspective."—R. W. Eschmeyer, Sport Fishing Institute.

Bass Fishing Map Now Available

San Francisco.—The second edition of the most popular angler's publication ever issued by the California Department of Fish and Game—the striped bass fishing map—is now off the presses and available without charge at the agency's Ferry Building office in San Francisco.

The revised edition is printed in two colors and details striper waters from the Golden Gate to Highway 99. Alex J. Calhoun, recently-appointed chief of the inland fisheries branch, is the author of both editions.

The importance of the striped bass fishery to Californians is indicated by the listing of 82 fishing resorts in the San Francisco Bay and Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta areas. Calhoun estimates that more than 200,000 anglers catch about 1,500,000 bass each year.

Among the new features of the map are suggestions for the inexperienced angler and a chart which shows the monthly catches of party boat anglers.

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Pamphlet on Fishing

San Francisco.—"Better Fishing in California," an illustrated pamphlet explaining the inland water fisheries management policies of the Fish and Game Commission, is available without charge at five headquarters offices of the Department of Fish and Game.

The new official publication sums up the objectives of the department "to supply the best possible fishing for the greatest number of anglers with only the minimum of restrictions and regulations necessary to insure a continued supply, fair distribution, and proper utilization."

The policy was adopted last year "for the guidance of the staff and others concerned in the development of maximum fresh-water fishing opportunities for a rapidly growing army of anglers."

It places emphasis on the need in California for improvement of fish habitat and fishing waters, while minimizing the role of the fish hatchery. Artificial propagation of trout is "not a universal answer to all fishery problems, and will be subject to constant checks to determine the value of results obtained," the policy asserts.

Copies may be secured by written request to the public information section, Department of Fish and Game, Ferry Building, San Francisco.

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New Fish Licenses

San Francisco.—One of the best ways of saying "Merry Christmas" to the California sportsman is by presenting him with a brand new 1953 angling license.

That's the opinion of the California Department of Fish and Game, which announced that the permits went on sale this week at five offices and 3000 license agencies. They are required for all types of angling after Dec. 31.

The $3 resident angling license is still one of the best bargains in the recreation field, the department announcement asserts. At a cost of less than one cent a day, the California angler can pursue any of hundreds of species of fish throughout the year.

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"Unless we keep our legislators fully informed on fish and game conservation matters, many years of diligent and fruitful effort can be wiped out by the passage of unwise laws."—Joseph J. Shomon, division chief, Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Best friend we could have—a strong union!

STATE CARPENTER CONVENTION COMMITTEES DOING GOOD JOB

Joe Sousa, chairman of the Publicity and Advertising Committee working in conjunction with the Overall Committee for arrangements for the forthcoming State Council of Carpenters Convention to be held in Stockton Feb. 27, 28 and March 1, has announced that splendid progress is being made by all committees, comprised of members of the San Joaquin District Council of Carpenters, towards the end of making the convention an outstanding success.

Convention committees include the following:

Overall Committee: Chairman, Frank Castiglione; Estes Woods, co-chairman; W. E. Bruton, Jack Dillashaw, Joe Sousa, Frank Harp, Tom Deadrich and M. R. Marcus.

Publicity Committee: Chairman, Joe Sousa; Estes Woods, John Thompson, Tom Deadrich and Jack Dillashaw.

Advertising Committee: Joe Sousa, chairman; M. R. Marcus, co-chairman.

Reservation Committee: M. R. Marcus, chairman; Joe Sousa, co-chairman.

Finance Committee: Cliff Dunning, chairman; Charles Loudon, co-chairman.

Reception Committee: Ernie Helm, chairman; Albert Stewart, co-chairman.

Introduction Committee: Gene La Riviere, chairman; Sam Harris, co-chairman.

Mill Committee: Al Fedler, chairman; C. M. Gauger, co-chairman.

Cocktain Committee: John Mueller, chairman; Paul Witt, co-chairman.

Entertainment Committee: Floyd Carmichael, chairman; Hilton Huffman, co-chairman.

Raffle Committee: Herman Schatz, chairman; Al Fedler, co-chairman.

Gavel Committee: Herman Schatz.

Congratulate Lloyd Mashburn On Appointment

Lloyd Mashburn, who as Assistant Secretary of Labor will back up Martin P. Durkin in the difficult way that lies ahead for the Department of Labor, this week received the following letter from the Consolidated Councils of Solano County:

"The Labor Councils of Solano County extend their congratulations on your appointment as Assistant Secretary of Labor. Everyone around here is extremely pleased and are of the opinion that it couldn't happen to a more deserving person.

"It is most gratifying to many of us who know you personally to feel that we will have such able representation as yourself in the high position as Assistant Secretary of Labor.

"We extend to you and your family the Season's Greetings and . . . send you best wishes for a most successful administration."

CLERKS GET WSB OKAY ON $2 BOOST

Secy. Howard Bramson of Retail Clerks 1273, Modesto, has recently been taking an active part in an organizational campaign in the Sacramento area, where he has been successful in negotiating contracts covering members at Purity and Safeway stores at Jackson and at Safeway in Angels Camp.

In the Modesto area, Bramson said, WSB approval has been granted for a $2 balance of a $5 increase negotiated some months ago, bringing the scale for journeyment to $75 weekly; for head clerks to $80, and for managers to $100 weekly, on a 40-hour workweek basis. In addition, there is a $2 employer-contributed health and welfare plan.

Bramson pointed out that $3 of the $5 increase was approved last September and made retroactive to the preceding June, as a sum permissible under the wage stabilization formula. The balance of the raise ($2) was released by the WSB in Washington on Nov. 20, he added.

FTC to Appeal Ruling On Chesterfield Cigarets

Washington (LPA).—The Federal Trade Commission will appeal the U. S. District Court ruling dismissing injunction proceedings seeking to enjoin the dissemination of Chesterfield cigaret advertising which the FTC said was false and misleading.

Judge Irving R. Kaufman had dismissed the complaint on the ground that Congress would never have considered cigarets a drug, but the FTC argues that tobacco is a drug as that term is defined in the Federal Trade Commission Act in that it is recognized in the Official Homeopathic Pharmacopia of the U. S.; the Chesterfield firm in its ads represented directly and by implication that its cigarets are so manufactured as to prevent irritation to the nose, throat and accessory organs of smokers.

Support your stewards.

BTC Secretary Urges Safety In Skill Tools

Hazards and dangers from using power guns and skill saws and similar tools were outlined to the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council last week by Secretary Otto E. Sargent, back from a state safety conference.

Sargent suggested that letters be sent to all unions with members who use such tools, inviting the users to attend safety meetings to learn best methods for safe handling of the power units.

Council business was chiefly routine, including action against Painting Contractor R. Yockey, reportedly operating non-union.

Contracts ratified were with Don Chirco, owner; V. L. Wooley, painting and taping contractor; Raymond Construction Co. and Workmon Homes.

Valley Trades Council Meets

A meeting of the negotiating committee of the Central Valley Trades Council, called by Executive Secretary-Treasurer V. L. Breuillot, met with representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation in Sacramento on Wednesday, Dec. 17, for the purpose of reaching an understanding on the terms of a new agreement.

Bro. E. A. Hester, business representative of Engineers 3 in Redding and chairman of the Council, said on December 20 that an agreement was reached subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior which will grant members covered by this contract a 10 cent an hour increase across the board.

Among those present at the meeting in addition to Brothers Hester and Breuillot were Brothers R. A. Cagles of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Yolo County; T. E. McShane, IAM Grand Lodge, San Leandro, and Joe Sousa, business reresentative of Carpenters 266 of Stockton.

St. Louis (LPA)—For the fourth year, some 1400 members of Bricklayers Local 1 are contributing a day's pay to support the local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Contractors match the donations, meaning a total of $55.20 for each of the bricklayers, tuck-pointers, stone masons and block-layers.

Evansville, Ind. (LPA).—They'll cut no hair on Wednesday's, members of the Barbers' local decided in voting a full day off. Previously, shops had been closed afternoons.

WAYS TO HEALTH

By Dr. Harold Lemesh. D.C.

ASTHMA

Asthma is difficult breathing of a characteristic "wheezy" type caused by obstruction to the flow of air in and out of the lungs. Such wheezy breathing occurs in a variety of conditions, and may be either continuous or paroxysmal; hence the term asthma should be used to indicate not a disease, but a symptom. Bronchial asthma is a term which is loosely applied to a syndrome exhibited by patients who between attacks of asthma are subjectively and objectively well.

Asthma is a common disease. It occurs in individuals of all ages and races. The sexes are about equally affected. The causes of asthma are many. They group themselves like the parts of a tree. The trunk represents a fundamental basis which may be called the "asthmatic state," which explains why some people have asthma and others do not. This trunk depends, perhaps, on several roots, one of which they are hypersentitive; the for it is known that in at least 40 per cent of cases, someone in the family has had hay fever, asthma, urticaria, or some peculiar susceptibility to a food or odor. The other roots are unknown. Upward the tree divides into two main branches: the first includes those people whose asthma is due to some cause outside of the body to which the yare hypersensitive; the other includes those not demonstrably hypersensitive, where the cause is apparently inside the body.

Individuals suffering from asthma may find the cause lies in the ingestion or inhalation of various substances which may set up the characteristic coughing of asthma. Some of these substances are: danders and emanations from animals, occupational dusts (bakers and housewives may have asthma from wheat flour, house dust, various foods and so forth.

The symptom of asthma depends upon an obstruction to the flow of air in and out of the lungs. This may be due either to a spasm of the bronchial muscles; to a swelling of the bronchial lining; or more important, to masses of sticky mucus in the bronchial openings.

The diagnosis of asthma is usually made by the patient. Between attacks there may be no evidence of disease, but during attacks, the wheezy coughing is so charasteristic that diagnosis can be made on sight. Asthma, however, is merely a symptom. To find the cause a complete case history of the patient must be made and then followed by a physical examination. The patient must be studied as a whole. His size, color, nutrition and posture should be noted. The presence of any other disorder should be noted and corrected.

Theatment should be directed toward building up the patient, stimulating expectoration which modifies the formation of tough, sticky plugs. Treatment of asthma is important, but treament of the patient as a whole is more important.

Minimum Wages In Woolen Firms To Increase 13c

Washington (LPA)—Labor Secretary Maurice Tobin expected in "the first week of January" to raise the $1.05 minimum wage in the woolen textile industry under defense contracts to about $1.18 an hour. The industry's unions requested $1.26.

The 13c boost is the same as he proposed for the cotton textile industry—from 87c to $1 an hour. Under the Walsh-Healy Federal Contracts Act, the Secretary of Labor is empowered to establish minimum wage limits in firms having Government contracts in excess of $10,000.

Regina, Sask. (LPA).—Women were given equal pay with men for identical work under legislation recently proclaimed by the Saskatchewan provincial government.



10-GALLON BLOOD DONOR—Leo Polk, right, representative of the Clothing Workers in Detroit, was the first person in the U.S. to give 80 pints of blood since Pearl Harbor. He received an award from Michigan Gov. G. Mennen Williams for "outstanding patriotic service." (LPA)

Lawyers' Closed Shop Dues Doubled—and No Back Talk

Tallahassee, Fla. (LPA).—The outfit simply said it needed more money so its members' dues were doubled. The members weren't consulted, and if they squawk they're out of work.

The outfit? The Florida Bar Association. Who ordered the dues raised to $10 a year? The State Supreme Court. If the lawyers don't keep paid up, they can't practice their profession. The Taft-Hartley act forbids closed shops—for labor unions.

Non-Farm Workers Up 1,000,000 in '52

Washington.—Non-farm industries employed 47.9 million workers in November, a rise of one million over the November 1951 total, according to preliminary estimates of the U. S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Most of the gain occurred in manufacturing, where continued expansion in military goods industries—though at a reduced rate—and recovery in consumer goods industries carried factory employment 640,000 above the 1951 level.

Weekly earnings in factories also rose in November, the Bureau reported, to a new high of $70.66, an average gain of $4.81 over the previous year.

The factory workweek in November edged down slightly to 41.2 hours as a result of seasonal reductions in some industries, but was seven-tenths of an hour longer than in November 1951.

Industries which produce military goods and industrial equipment reported over-the-year reductions in the workweek. The slowing down in expansion in the ordnance, aircraft, and shipbuilding industries was reflected in reductions of more than an hour in the workweek of each of these industries. In the first 10 months of 1952, ordnance plants expanded employment by 17 per cent, as compared with 92 per cent in the same period in 1951. Aircraft plant expansion was 15 per cent, as compared with 40 per cent in the previous year. Employment in shipyards rose by 7 per cent, but in 1951 it had grown 30 per cent.

Employment in the machinery industry, at 1,600,000 was slightly less than in November 1951 and the average workweek was a half hour shorter, contrasting with big gains in the first year after Korea, when employment rose by over 250,000 and the workweek lengthened by two hours. New orders for many types of industrial equipment, including machine tools, have been declining in recent months as a result of the leveling off of expenditures for new plants and equipment following sharp gains in the first year after Korea.

In nearly all consumer goods industries, employment this November was significantly higher than the depressed levels of November 1951, when reduced sales and rising inventories were forcing production cutbacks.

Seek Turkey Fryer For All-Season Use

Davis.—Increasing interest in the all-year marketing of turkeys at the fryer stage has poultry research experts at the University of California Colleg of Agriculture working on breeding of birds for that purpose.

V. S. Asmundson, professor of poultry husbandry on the University's Davis campus, foresees development of a fryer turkey that will make rapid growth up to eight or twelve weeks and still not reach excessive weight at the full 24-week market stage.

Among turkey strains now commonly raised, he noted, the birds bred to make the best market weight at 24 weeks also put on the most pounds up to fryer age.

The mammoth 30-pound broad-breasted bronze that typifies the national Thanksgiving scene is not without a future, however, Asmundson remarks. The hotel and restaurant trade, he said, still will demand a large bird.

Pressure also comes from processors, he declared, for a white or light-colored turkey with fewest possible dark pinfeathers.

"It seems logical," he said, "that the bronze should eventually be replaced by a turkey with lighter plumage. The immediate tendency is toward development of a fast-growing white."



"On your salary we don't need a cart."

GOOD INCOME FOR ALL, BASIS OF PROSPERITY

(AFL Release)

Chicago.—"The fundamental basis of our present prosperity is derived from the more permanent factors which have created, and will continue to create, a solid and expanding demand for both goods and services."

That's the message which Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder brought to the national convention of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America. Snyder told the group that the U. S. has been able to meet the demands of the defense program and, at the same time, enjoy "unprecedented prosperity."

Among the factors which the secretary listed as the basis for the belief that prosperity should continue were:

1. A broad distribution of income.

2. A rapidly - growing population.

3. Business competition, which encourages the application of new industrial methods and the development of new products.

Snyder noted that U. S. manufacturing capacity is 5 per cent greater than it was at the end of World War II. Steel capacity has risen 23 per cent; electric power capacity, 64 per cent; and petroleum output, 50 per cent.

The Treasury head declared that during the full six fiscal years since the end of World War II—from July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1952—the Federal government showed a surplus of $2,750,000.

More Workers Want Unionization, NLRB Votes Show

Washington (LPA)—During 1951 workers favoring unions as their collective bargaining agents numbered only 75 per cent of those voting. In the third quarter of 1952, however, the figure rose to 79.3 per cent.

The statistics were given in the quarterly summary of the National Labor Relations Board. AFL unions took part in 1,100 elections, won 720, lost 368, and results were indeterminate in 12. CIO affiliates took part in 550 elections, won 255, lost 281, and results in 14 were indeterminate. In 59 elections, AFL affiliates were rivals. There were no elections in which CIO unions were pitted against each other.

Of 1,578 representation elections, 1,546 were collective bargaining elections, with 190,136 eligible to vote, 86 per cent (163,458) voting, and 79.3 per cent favoring the union.

Of the 163,458 voting, 57,340 voted for AFL affiliates, 50,984 for CIO affiliates, 21,217 for unaffiliated unions, and 33,917 for no union.

Of 32 decertification elections, 22 were lost by the union, four won by AFL affiliates, three by CIO affiliates, one by an unaffiliated union, and two were indeterminate. Of the 97 decertification petitions, 91 were filed by individuals.

Charges of unfair labor practices brought against employers numbered 1,130; against unions, 258.

Of 5,248 pending cases at the end of the period, 3,107 were charges of unfair labor practices and 2,136 were for petitions for elections. Of these, 2,049 were for collective bargaining, 87 for decertification, 5 for the union shop.

New Brunswick, N. J. (LPA)—The history of the New Jersey Federation of Labor, on which Dr. Irvine L. H. Kerrison has been working for a year, will be published in November 1953. A skeleton history will be issued for the federation's 75th convention next May in Atlantic City.

To be democratic, a union needs an active, interested membership.

Meany Says AFL To Continue Fight For Nation's Health

Washington (LPA)—Continued efforts by the AFL to attain the goal of a federal health insurance program with universal coverage were pledged by Pres. George Meany in an editorial written for the American Federationist, AFL monthly magazine.

Such a program, Meany pointed out in reply to criticism by the American Medical Assn., would be "compulsory" only in the sense that taxes are compulsory, and it would not interfere with the freedom of choice by either patient or doctor.

Citing the majority report of President Truman's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation as suggesting a "compromise" plan calling for "state-controlled and federally-aided programs on an entirely voluntary basis of participation by the states and by individuals," Meany wrote:

"The trouble with this proposal is that inevitably it will leave wide-open gaps in coverage precisely in the areas where the need is greatest.

"The AFL is even more strongly convinced than before that protection against the economic hazards of illness can be brought within reach of the average family only by a federal social insurance program with universal coverage.

"Such a health insurance system would be compulsory only in the sense that taxes always are compulsory. It would not mean federal regimentation of medicine, since the emphasis would be on community administration. It would not interfere with the freedom of choice of either doctor or patient.

"But it would mean a single simple system of insurance against the high cost of medical care, to which every family would contribute through taxes and from which every family would benefit.

"This is the goal we seek and will continue to fight for."

Recommendations of the President's Commission in emphasizing "the gross inadequacy of existing health services," he pointed out, "completely vindicate the stand taken by the AFL in support of programs to assure more doctors, more nurses, and better hospitals, expanded and improved local health facilities and stronger research support. At the same time, the Commission's unanimous findings cut the ground from under the AMA's stand-pat resistance against federal assistance to medical education and hospital development."

However, Meany continued, "on one basic point the majority of the Commission failed to come to grips with the facts—that is the question of how adequate medical care can be brought within the financial reach of the majority of American families. Obviously and admittedly anxious to avoid a showdown fight with the AMA," the Commission majority suggested the so-called "compromise" plan.

Average Senate Age Is 57, in House It's 52

The average age of members of the New House of Representatives is almost 52. The average Senator will be almost 57.

Oldest Representative is Merlin Hull (R., Wis.) who is 82; the youngest, William Wampler (R., Va.), 26.

Oldest Senator is Theodore Green (D., R.I.), who is 85; the youngest, Russell Long (D., La.), 34.

Prices Rise Again; Hit All-Time High

Washington (LPA)—The cost of living rose between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15 to put the consumer price index back at 191.1, the all-time high reached in August, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Dec. 19.

The increase was recorded although wholesale prices have been dropping steadily. BLS reported Dec. 19 that average wholesale prices fell 0.3 per cent in the week ended Dec. 16 to 109.3. Dun & Bradstreet reported the wholesale food price index dropped 4 cents in the week ended Dec. 16. It was the fifth straight week of decline, and brought wholesale prices 59 cents below Sept. 1.

Wholesale food prices Dec. 16 were 52 cents under a year ago, but the Consumer Price Index last November was 188.6, and last December was 189.1. Thus, wholesale prices are down considerably, retail prices are higher than a year ago, but spokesmen for business and industry insist there is no further need of price controls.

The Journal of Commerce Dec. 18 said "the time has long since passed for the strengthening of price controls, with many consumer products selling well below their OPS ceilings."

The rise of 0.1 per cent in the index, said BLS, was due chiefly to an increase of 0.6 per cent in residential rates. Fruits and vegetables were up 4.1 per cent; meat, poultry and fish were down 2.2 per cent; clothing prices down 0.4 per cent. Rents were 1.1 per cent above August, with the largest increase, 6.2 per cent, reported in New Orleans, which decontrolled Sept. 30.

Despite the increase in the index 1,250,000 rail workers lose a penny a hour, because their wages are adjusted every three months, the index dropped in September and October, and the November increase was not enough of an offset. They got a 2-cent boost in August.

The index was 170.2 in June 1950, when the Korean war started. By January 1951 the index had zoomed to 181.5, and it was then that wages and prices were stabilized. On Jan. 25, 1951. By January 1952 the index was 189. By June 1952 it was 189.6, an increase of 19.4 points in a year. But of that increase 11.3 came in the hectic six months before controls were established. The index has climbed less in the last two years than it had in the six months before controls were imposed.

Although the average index was 191.1 the range was wide. Atlanta's was 198.6; Milwaukee 198.4; Seattle 197.6; Houston 196.4; Birmingham 196.1; Chicago 196; Detroit 196.4; Norfolk, Va. 194.5; Cleveland 193.6; Pittsburgh 193; Los Angeles 192.4; New Orleans 191.7; Philadelphia 190.9; Cincinnati 189.5; Scranton 187.9; Washington, D.C. 186.9; New York 186.9; Boston 181.5.

Liquid Hair Net Highly Inflammable

New York (LPA)—The woman who uses a liquid hair net preparation holds a potential "blowtorch" in her hand, New York Fire Commissioner Jacob Grumet warned recently.

Grumet said he would order the "highly inflammable" product removed from the market immediately unless manufacturers start using a warning that is "the most outstanding thing on the can."

"Anyone using a match while spraying on the liquid would have a reaction almost like a blowtorch," Grumet said. He demonstrated this by spraying three different brands of the product on lighted matches. Fire flared up immediately.

The liquid has an alcohol and lacquer base and Grumet said present containers either carried no warning of the fire danger or had "just an insignificant word of caution."

$24 BILLION IN TAX GIFTS TO BIG FIRMS

Washington (LPA).—Industrial expansion covered by quick tax writeoffs on large portions of their cost climbed close to the $24 billion mark when the Defense Production Administration announced it had granted 222 more certificates of necessity on facilities worth $177,539,333 in the two weeks ending Dec. 17.

Electric power, railroads and shipping firms dominated the latest list with Southern California Edison Co., Los Angeles, $43,400,000 in first place. The certificates provide for depreciation over a five-year period instead of the previously normal 25 years, thus slashing income tax payments.

Next largest handouts went to American Hawaiian Steamship Co., $15 million; Celanese Corp. of America, $14 million for a plant near Dumas, Tex.; Southern Pacific railroad, $13,820,444; Hanna Coal and Ore Corp., Dickinson County, Mich., $11,345,000 for iron ore production; California Oil Co., $9,725,000, petroleum refining at Perth Amboy, N. J., and storage at Vestal, N.Y.; Iowa Power and Light Co., $9,352,850.

Since the accelerated amortization program began, DPA has approved 14,967 grants on new or expanded facilities valued at $23,867,017,000. Many "repeaters" appear on the lists with big corporations coming back again and again for rides on the gravy train.

'Utmost Caution' Needed In Wage Bargaining Under New Price Index, AFL Warns

Washington (LPA).—"Utmost caution" in negotiating wage agreements which may be affected by the new Consumers Price Index was urged by the AFL in a warning to all affiliates that the revised index which went into effect in January, 1953, is "at best an incomplete and approximate measure."

"It does not provide an exclusive basis for adjustment of wages," the AFL's Cost of Living Committee said in pointing out that more than 3,000,000 workers covered by escalator clauses in existing contracts are directly affected by the changes, while the index, published by the Labor Dept.'s Bureau of Labor Statistics, plays an important role in all collective bargaining.

Included in questions raised by the committee's report were: failure of the index to take income taxes into account; "timing" of the new provisions, since this is not a "normal period"; ways in which the new "arithmetic" will force adjustment of present escalator clauses.

OVERLOOK TAXES

On the question of income levies, the report, signed by Pres. George Meany, Vice-Pres. William C. Doherty, and Machinists' Pres. Al Hayes, said: "The BLS should publish, in addition to its regular index, another one which would show the effect of increased taxes on purchasing power of workers."

In the "many fundamental changes," the committee pointed out, are included the following which affect comparison between the old and the revised index:

"Published figures will represent changes from the level of consumer prices in the 1947-49 period, instead of in the 1935-39 period. In all instances where contracts have escalator clauses, the parties will have to make some recalculation to take account of this change."

Among the large cities where prices have been obtained for the national index, 14 will be excluded from coverage while "an even greater number" of small and medium sized communities, some having a population as low as 2,500, will be included.

A different "market basket" of goods and services, "more typical of present-day expenditures," will be used, including such items as television sets, frozen foods, and nylon hosiery.

Improvements of the index were cited in "the pricing of home ownership costs, allowing for the effect of rentals of new homes, and by pricing of restaurant meals, used cars, and other items not previously separately priced."

BLS, the committee warned, will treat the revised index as a continuation of the "adjusted" index, one of the two indexes previously published, although they "are not strictly comparable." Its report points out that "there will be no similar 'linking' of the 'old' and revised indexes."

Los Angeles (LPA).—Victory in double badminton match won a gold medal for Dorothy Blythe, employed by Sign Painters Local 831.

Texas Law Jails Union Man a Year; Non-Unionist Goes Free

Dallas, Texas.—Grady Ivey, Dallas ironworker, spent Christmas in jail because of the O'Daniel law, under which a union member may be sentenced to prison, and a non-union man fined $5 to $25. The law makes union membership the difference between a misdemeanor and a felony.

Ivey, a member of Ironworkers Local 481 in Dallas, was sentenced to a year in prison because of a fight near a picket line. He turned himself in to Texas state prison authorities the Monday before Thanksgiving, making the trip alone to save the government the expense of sending a deputy sheriff. However, the warden wouldn't let him in; he didn't have the necessary papers. He had to remain in a Huntsville hotel until all was in order.

To cut his time down in prison, Ivey donated a pint of blood to the prison blood bank, which was good for 18 days off his term. He is doing specialized welding for additional time off.

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END OLD FEUDS, MEANY URGES AS 1953 GOAL

Washington (LPA).—Pointing out that the outlook for 1953 "is beset with many dangers," AFL President George Meany, in a New Year's statement, said: "To meet the challenges that confront us we must think and act in terms of tomorrow and not of yesterday."

Citing legislation of vital importance to workers, including changes in the Taft-Hartley law, which will be acted upon by the 83rd Congress, he said "it is more important to protect the interests of America's working men and women than to perpetuate yesterday's feuds."

"In the year ahead," Meany declared, "the AFL hopes and expects to work with the new Administration in the furtherance of constructive national and international policies. We have confidence in the sincerity of President-elect Eisenhower's pledge to be fair and just to the nation's workers."

He pledged the AFL to "do its utmost to make labor unity a reality in the coming year" and expressed confidence that "a sincere attempt will be made in the immediate future" to bring that about.

"In my opinion," he said, "nothing could strengthen labor's position in our country and in the free world to a greater extent" than a merger of the AFL and the CIO.

"The Democratic Party," Meany said, "may decide to assume the role of 'loyal opposition.' It should be remembered, however, that the AFL is not, and never has been, a part of any political party. We engaged in the last campaign on a non-partisan basis. Now there is other work to be done. We intend to do our job not as opponents of the Administration, but as good citizens determined to cooperate with it, insofar as we are given the opportunity to do so.

"That goes for the AFL's relations with the new Congress, too. A great deal of legislation of vital importance to the nation's workers will be acted upon by the 83rd Congress. The economic stabilization program must be extended as long as the danger of inflation persists. Our foreign aid program must be continued. Major changes in the Taft-Hartley Act will be up for consideration. The tax laws are going to be overhauled."

Stressing that the AFL intends "to work with members of Congress from both political parties to promote the enactment of equitable and workable legislation," Meany said: "Looking ahead, we must think in terms of protecting our national economy against the day when the defense program is completed and industrial activity must suffer a temporary curtailment.

"Action must be planned now to prevent a major depression, with mass unemployment, at some future date. To this end, we are going to press for a combined effort by business, labor and the Government to draw up programs that will assure high level production and full employment, even when the defense emergency ends."

Clark Suffers Attack of Flu

A. J. Clark, secretary-treasurer of the Monterey County Central Labor Union in Salinas and also secretary-business manager of Culinary-Bartenders Union 355, went home from his office last Friday suffering from what friends described as an attack of influenza.

Clark and his wife returned earlier in the week from a holiday trip to Santa Barbara, where he attended the wedding of a granddaughter.

New Labor Commissioner Named in Tennessee

Jackson, Tenn. (LPA)—W. H. (Billy) Parham has been named Tennessee Commissioner of Labor in the new Clement administration, succeeding another AFL man, L. Lee Case of Chattanooga. Parham, 42, is a member of the Motion Picture Operators in Jackson.

Attend union meetings.

Too Much Prosperity for PT&T

(Editorial in Fresno Bee, Jan. 2, 1953)

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company has reported its net earnings for the 12 months ended November 30th amounted to $8.25 per share of common stock.

This compares with net earnings of $8.19 during the preceding year. In terms of dollars, it represents a gain of $5,000,810 in the company's net income.

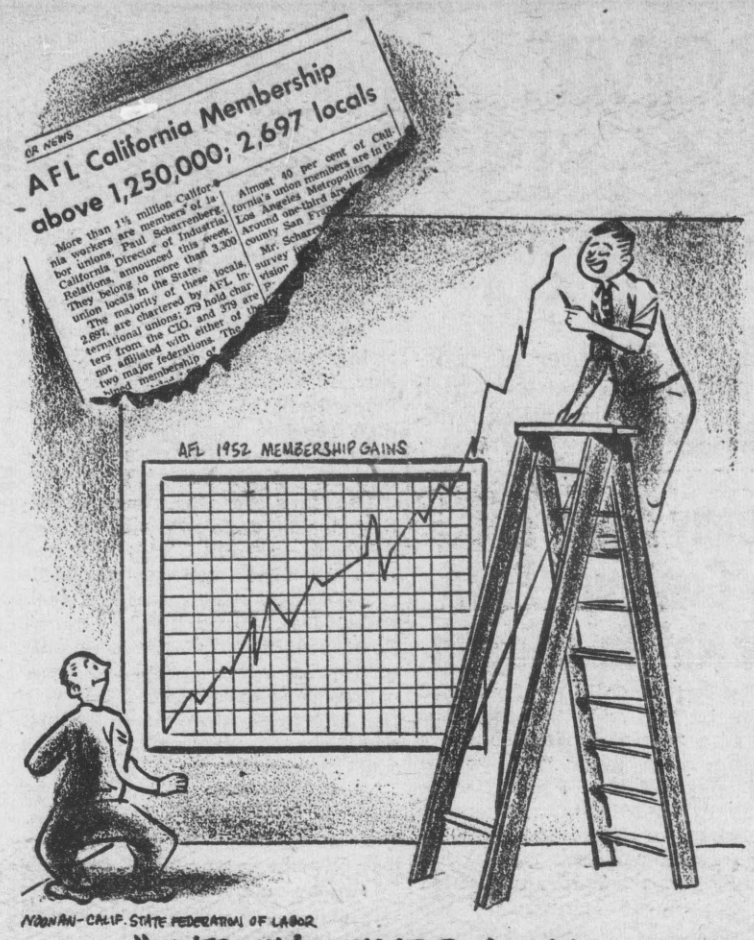
Yet the utility currently is asking the public utilities commission to increase rates within California to the extent of $44,000,000 a year.

One of the points raised by the company in support of its rate increase application is that its earnings are too low to finance needed expansion of its facilities to serve the public.

It claims investment capital is being turned to other corporations whose earnings per share of stock are much higher.

The comparisons are not to be denied but whether this constitutes a reasonable ground for increasing rates is for the PUC to decide.

It does, however, raise a question as to whether the telephone company is not suffering from too much prosperity in the general industrial and business field, as much as from anything else.



HUGE MEDICAL DEBT SHOWN

(State Fed. Release)

The limitations of present private health insurance programs were sharply pointed up last week by the Committee for the Nation's Health, a national non-profit institution promoting health service education.

Citing a recent study made by the University of Michigan Survey Research Center for the Federal Reserve Board, the committee reported that statistics revealed that nearly one-third of young families with children were in debt for medical care.

Two-thirds of such families had unpaid debts of $200 or more.

Out of 53.1 million families in the United States, it was found that 7.4 million owed unpaid doctor bills amounting from $1 to $100; 1.6 million owed from $100 to $200; 1 million from $200 to $1,000, and 200,000 families owed doctors over $1,000.

Families headed by factory employees and farmers had the highest perecentage of debt. Nearly one family in four owed its doctor. Among the professional and self-employed, one family in about nine owed medical bills.

Factory workers, through union collective bargaining, have obtained a high degree of coverage under Blue Cross, Blue Shield, and other prepaid hospitalization and surgical insurance plans.

Substantiating the experience of many union officials, the high proportion of debt among such workers shows they still cannot meet the costs of medical care.

The total medical debt of American families amounts of in excess of a billion dollars.

This represents from one-sixth to one-seventh of the total amount spent by Americans annually for private medical care.

Residential Rents Up As Index Rises Slightly

Washington.—Residential rents showed a greater average rise in the month ended November 15 than other goods and services bought by moderate-income city families, according to the Consumers' Price Index issued by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The CPI rose one-tenth of 1 per cent as rents rose six-tenths of 1 per cent and smaller price increases were reported for fuel, electricity, and refrigeration, up four-tenths of 1 per cent; miscellaneous goods and services, two-tenths of 1 per cent; and house-furnishings, one-tenth of 1 per cent.

The index for retail foods was virtually unchanged over the month and on November 15 was 232.3 per cent of the 1935-39 average. Prices were considerably higher for fruits, vegetables, and poultry, but meat prices were down as meat production reached new highs.

Apparel prices were down four-tenths of 1 per cent, on the average.

The CPI for November 15 was 191.1 (1935-39=100), or 1.3 per cent higher than a year earlier and 12.3 per cent higher than on June 15, 1950 (pre-Korea).

Protect your eyes! The compensation award for loss of eyesight is pitifully small.

Union Pay Scales For Local Truckers Show Increases

Washington.—Wage scales of unionized local motor truck drivers rose an average of 9c an hour in the year ended last July 1, according to a study by the U. S. Dept. of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. Drivers' helpers got an average advance of 10c an hour.

Pay scale revisions, which typically ranged upward from 5c to 20c an hour, affected 70 per cent of the 314,000 unionized truck drivers and helpers in the 77 cities surveyed.

Union hourly scales for city truck drivers averaged $1.78 on July 1; for their helpers, $1.52. Local drivers paid on a mileage or commission basis and over-the-road drivers were not included in the BLS study.

The Bureau pointed out that the scales—minimum wage rates set through collective bargaining between employers and unions—do not show the workers' total hourly earnings. Overtime and premium rates are not included.

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